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FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Update: COVID-19 Northern Cape: De Aar Day Hospital

It came to the attention of the PSA that the Facility Manager at the Day Hospital in De Aar is not adhering to the COVID-19 Regulations.

Members complained of the following:

1. That the ignorance and arrogance of the manager places them at risk of contracting Coronavirus
2. There is an area at this facility where persons are tested for COVID-19, but the facility manager is currently not using it but prefers another area in the hospital which makes the operations of the cleaners very difficult.
3. That cleaners are not supplied with PPE at this facility.

The Facility Manager's intransigence makes it difficult for our members to have their concerns attended to. Workers safety is an imperative that deserves priority above the call for service delivery but the employer at this facility is not worried what happens to these employees during these trying times of the pandemic. As PSA, we are therefore forced to intervene in this matter given the seriousness of it. It is our view that Department of Health is supposed to be the custodians of health issues in the Country and should therefore take the lead role in advising all other employers in promoting health, especially the Public Sector.

The PSA in the Northern Cape is concerned at increasing number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in various Departments.

Members are always reminded to keep applying precautionary measures and contact the PSA's Russle Bindeman on 082 883 7563, Eugene Louw on 076 289 2849 and Neo Montse on 082 8808982, where employer do not observe COVID-19 Regulations.

GENERAL MANAGER